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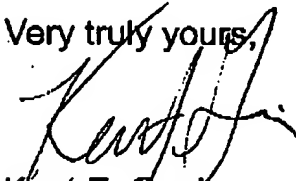Dear Examiner Thompson:

Attached please find a proposed Agenda and proposed amendment to independent claim 12 (and associated dependent claims) for discussion at tomorrow's Interview. We look forward to meeting you tomorrow.

Very truly yours,

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<u>Our Case No. 11958/43</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

JOHN OVERTON   )

Serial No. 09/661,222   ) Examiner: Thompson. M.

Filing Date: September 13, 2000   ) Group Art Unit: 2144

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      TRACKING WIRE TRANSFER   )
      PROTOCOL   )

INTERVIEW AGENDA

Dear Sir:

    Applicant proposes to discuss the following items with the Examiner at the in-person interview scheduled for 3 p.m. on Friday, June 17, 2005:

    I.   Invention Overview

    II.   Review of Embodiment Relating to Claimed Redirection Feature

    III.   Review of Independent Claim 12 and Proposed Amendment

    IV.   Discussion of the Four Cited References Used in Current §102 Rejections

PROPOSED AMENDMENT – FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY

12.   (Currently Amended) A method for storing and retrieving tracking information over a network using a wire transfer protocol, comprising the steps of:

providing a location string and an identification string, the location string for specifying the location of data ~~associated with an entity~~ in a distributed data collection and the identification string for specifying the identification of the data ~~an entity~~ in the distributed data collection;

storing information at a data repository ~~entity~~ by associating an identification string associated with the data ~~an entity with each particular stored unit of information associated with the entity and~~ by mapping the identification string to at least one location string associated with the data repository ~~entity~~, the identification string and the at least one location string ~~for a particular unit of information~~ being stored at a first server in communication with ~~entity coupled~~ to the data repository ~~entity~~;

transmitting a request from a client ~~entity~~ to a second ~~the first~~ server ~~entity~~ to retrieve at least one location string associated with the data ~~the entity~~, the request including the identification string associated with the data~~entity~~; and

receiving the request at the second ~~first~~ server ~~entity~~; [[and]]

responding to the client ~~entity~~ with a redirect message containing information for determining a [[the]] location of at least one location string if the at least one location string is not at the second server ~~first server entity~~, wherein the client calculates the location of the at least one location string based on the redirect message.

13. – 14. (Cancelled)

15.   (Original) The method for storing and retrieving tracking information defined in claim 12, wherein the lengths of the identification string and the at least one location string are variable.

16.   (Original) The method for storing and retrieving tracking information defined in claim 12, further comprising the step of spontaneously and dynamically manipulating the mapping of an identification string to a location string.

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21.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein responding to the client ~~entity~~ with a redirect message comprises sending the client ~~entity data configured in~~ a <u>server</u> table and the client <u>calculates</u> ~~entity determining~~ the location of at least one location string by applying a shared function to the <u>server</u> table.

22.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein responding to the client ~~entity~~ with a redirect message comprises the <u>second server</u> ~~first server entity~~ sending a function ~~description~~ to the client ~~entity~~<u>, the function</u> adapted for use by the client ~~entity~~ to obtain the location of the at least one location string.

23.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the client entity applies the function from the redirect message to the identification string to obtain the location of the at least one location string.